

Reincarnation

I would like to get a few thoughts on paper as a personal memorandum regarding the sermon that the Reverend John P. Clark gave in the R.P. church in Lansdale on June 29, 1975.

Mr. Clark's sermon's are always thought-provoking and/contain a very considerable amount of good Chn° truth. This sermon was easily outstanding among them.

It was strange when one considers that it is the first sermon I have heard him give that started out to be truly negative in character. The strange thing is that in the course of his negative material he presented a larger amount of positive material than I have ever heard him give in one sermon.

Perhaps this was because the hortatory portion of his purpose consisted in attacking something which he desired to criticize from various angles rather than taking one important Scriptural truth and driving it ~~home~~ home.

~~It~~ He began his sermon with /reference to two books by Ruth Montgomery that a rather new Chn° had asked him to look over. He said that he had marked them up extensively and had given her his thoroughly negative conclusion ~~regarding~~ regarding them.

The two books dealt with reincarnation. The impression created by his opening remarks was that his entire sermon would be an attack on the idea of ~~reincarnation~~ reincarnation. Actually, however, his sermon was a very much needed and ~~sk~~ helpful attack criticism of the widespread tendency to adopt principles of Eastern religions. While he referred to reincarnation a good many times this was actually a rather secondary ~~fact~~ feature of the matters that he was attacking and would not necessarily in itself lead to any of them.